



# Traffic Safety Newsletter

APRIL 2012

## Operation Pull Over Blitz Proves “Traffic Enforcement IS Law Enforcement”

More than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies participated in Operation Pull Over Blitz 70. The annual statewide effort increased enforcement to address impaired and dangerous driving from March 2-March 18th.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Blitz! Your commitment to keeping Indiana roadways safe from impaired and dangerous drivers has earned all of you this month's **“Going Above & Beyond”** Award!

Listed below are some of the significant events from the Blitz:

**LaPorte Police Department** made 10 misdemeanor and one felony OVWI arrest as well as 3 misdemeanor and 2 felony criminal arrests for other charges. One arrest of particular note occurred on St. Patrick's Day, when an officer stopped a DUI suspect and recovered a digital scale, spoon and 11 small white baggies containing 3.5 grams of suspected Heroin. The suspect was charged with speeding, Operating While Intoxicated and Dealing in a Scheduled I Controlled Substance, Class B Felony.

**Grant County Traffic Safety Partnership** had a successful campaign with 198 seat belt citations, 22 criminal arrests, 85 speeding citations, 29 automatic signal/stop sign citations and 24 Driving While Suspended arrests.

**Linton Police Department** had a Public Intoxication arrest, 2 OVWI arrests, a warrant arrest, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Class D Felony, 2 arrests for Possession of Precursors with Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine (with 5 counts of possession of a controlled substance on each of these arrests), DWS Prior with Felony Resisting in a vehicle and one arrest for Battery and Resisting Law Enforcement.

**Mooreville Police Department** made 5 OVWI arrests, 2 of which were felonies, one arrest for Possession of a Handgun Without a License, 2 arrests for Possession of a Controlled Substance, one misdemeanor arrest for Possession of Marijuana and one arrest for Reckless Driving.

**Hendricks County Sheriff's Department** and **Brownsburg Police Department** also had drug arrests during the Blitz.

**Indiana State Police** made 373 OVWI arrests, issued 3,717 traffic citations and made 402 criminal arrests.

### *Coming up...*

**Rural Demonstration Project**  
Enforcement Period:  
April 20-May 17

**Operation Pull Over Blitz 71**  
*Seatbelts*  
Enforcement Period:  
May 18-June 3

**“The shortest distance between two points is under construction.” -Noelie Altito**



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### UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

#### Injury Prevention Conference

May 3-4, 2012

University Place Conference Center-Indianapolis

[Click here for more information.](#)

#### Lifesavers Conference

June 14-16, 2012

Orlando, FL

[Click here for more information.](#)

#### GHSA: Public Health & Traffic Safety

August 26-29, 2012

Baltimore, MD

[Click here for more information.](#)

Don't miss out on the 11th annual SADD Celebration! We hope to see dozens of high schools throughout the state on April 27, 2012 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville. This year's theme: *SADDle Up: It's Time to Blaze a Trail!* So many SADD chapters across the state are doing just that! Come celebrate their accomplishments with us; enjoy motivational speaker, Ed Gerety; network with other SADD chapters; learn from educational breakout sessions (including Joe Turner from ILEA, Indiana Blood Center, Indiana SADD SLC and others!); and have fun! Click [here](#) for a registration form.



### Traffic Safety Division Director Presents to New Police Chiefs

On March 23, 2012, Traffic Safety Division Director, Ryan Klitzsch, presented to more than 50 new police chiefs at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Klitzsch outlined the recent successes in Indiana traffic safety and highlighted the partnerships between ICJI and police agencies throughout the state. All seven Law Enforcement Liaisons were in attendance to meet with their new chiefs and answer questions related to ICJI programming and identify the benefits of partnering with the Traffic Safety Division.

### BLITZ 71: MANDATORY SEAT BELT SURVEYS

The next Operation Pull Over Blitz will require pre and post enforcement seatbelt surveys. Start planning your survey locations now! If you need survey documents or assistance, please contact your LEL!

## LEL SPOTLIGHT

**SW Region:** **Vanderburgh Co. Traffic Safety Partnership** held a saturation patrol on March 22nd along the Lloyd Expressway on the south side of Evansville from the Warrick County line to the Posey County line. This stretch of highway is well known for the aggressive driving that takes place on it. The patrol received extensive coverage by local media and generated numerous positive comments from the public.

Individuals and agencies in the **SW Region** worked diligently in March with ICJI to become properly registered in the new e-Grants system. As of March 22nd all coordinators, fiscal managers and their agencies were in the system with all applicable information verified as correct. A special “thanks” to those who partnered so well with ICJI to get this job accomplished.

## FARS COUNT

PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF **2012** TRAFFIC FATALITIES-AS OF 9:00 A.M. APRIL 2, 2012

	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	97	106	85	96	+9	+11
Urban	57	44	53	43	-13	-10
Statewide	154	150	138	139	-4	+1

## HOOSIER UPLANDS OFFERS CPS TECHNICIAN COURSE

Hoosier Uplands Children's Services hosted a Child Passenger Safety (“CPS”) Technician certification course March 19-21. Angelica Hackler from Hoosier Uplands proctored the class as part of her instructor candidacy. Hoosier Uplands Children's Services also sponsored two Lawrence County Sheriff Deputies to attend this training. Hoosier Uplands is a community action agency with the philosophy of ‘people helping people.’ The agency offered the class with funding received from the Child Restraint Distribution Grant through the Traffic Safety Division. The agency states, “It is a great honor for Hoosier Uplands to partner with law enforcement in making the community a better and safer place to live.”



Above: Participants demonstrating how to properly install a car seat.

**“Leave sooner. Drive slower. Live longer.” -Author Unknown**



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Websites

ARIES (Crash Records): <http://crashreports.in.gov>  
 Automotive Safety Program (Child Passenger Safety Information and CPS Tech Classes): [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org)  
 Center for Criminal Justice Research (Traffic Safety Research and Data for Indiana): <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu>  
 DRE: Indiana [www.indianadre.com](http://www.indianadre.com) National [www.decp.org](http://www.decp.org)  
 Indiana Coroners Association: [www.indcoroners.org](http://www.indcoroners.org)  
 Indiana State Department of Toxicology: [www.in.gov/isdt](http://www.in.gov/isdt)  
 JTAC & eCWS: <http://courts.in.gov/judiciary/jtac> Email: [jtacecws@jtac.in.gov](mailto:jtacecws@jtac.in.gov)  
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)  
 Traffic Safety Marketing: [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov)

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## GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Traffic Safety Division announces the availability of Child Restraint Distribution Grants. Grant applications must be submitted via e-Grants. These grant funds can be used to purchase and distribute child restraints, host or support child safety seat clinics, purchase supplies related to child restraint systems, educational materials and training for Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Applications will be due by close of business Friday, May 4th. For more information, please contact [Angie Morris](#). Click [here](#) to view the training video and PowerPoint presentation about the grant.



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